



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

July 29, 2014

S. 2406
Improving Trauma Care Act of 2013

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
on July 23, 2014*

S. 2406 would amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of trauma as it applies to grants and activities authorized to provide support for trauma and emergency care. Under current law, trauma is defined as an injury resulting from exposure to a mechanical force. The bill would expand the definition to also include an injury resulting from exposure to an extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chemical, or radioactive.

CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting S. 2406 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The bill would not impose intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On April 15, 2014, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3548, the Improving Trauma Care Act of 2013, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on April 3, 2014. The two bills are identical and the cost estimates are the same.

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